

## TO A MATCH.

O Match!  
Thou slender stick with sulphurous end,  
Thou hast been called man's stuncheon  
friend;  
But 'tis a travesty upon the word.  
Thou art the basest of all base decep-  
tions;  
And neither art thou skiggy  
Nor all ski.  
I would make light of thee,  
But try in vain.  
Once, twice, nay, full five times  
I draw thee 'long the whitened wall.  
Five faint blue ghostly streaks—  
And that is all.

Make light of Thee!  
Full serious have I grown  
And in my stress and dire necessity  
I cuss.  
But softly. Yet shall thou succumb  
To my determination. Now firmly  
grasped,  
I draw thee 'gainst my shoe.  
Eureka! and alas!  
Thy fiercely blazing head hath fallen on  
the rug.

O Match perverse!  
Do I but gently rub my pocket  
To see if thou art there,  
At once thou dost respond  
And to my tailor's handiwork do naught.  
But vainly I may scratch thee all day  
long  
Upon thy box,  
The side of which some  
Lobster workman  
Hath "sanded" but too well.  
Plantanket! To all the world at last  
'Tis plain:  
By none canst thou be struck  
Save men.  
And then  
The only place where instantly thou'll  
light  
Is on the nether portion of the breeches.  
O matchless Match!

By A. GUDE DEEKUN.

## SAW BOTH SIDES.

The Thompson Party View the Negro's  
Lights and Shadows in Alabama's  
Black Belt.

The most interesting feature of the Alabama trip taken by a party of Congressmen through invitation of Representative C. W. Thompson was the visit to the school of Booker T. Washington, at Tuskegee. Wednesday, May 21, was spent there.

After the humorous experiences of the previous day on the plantation, the visit to the industrial school was particularly interesting to the Northerners. The contrast between the untrained Negro, as represented by the plantation hands, and trained students of the school, was so marked that the visitors were deeply impressed with the great work Washington is doing for his race. It was an object lesson of immense value to the visitors, they declared. In a word, they were given an opportunity by Col. Thompson to look upon the Negro in his lowest state, and then upon the Negro in his highest development.

Students of the school took charge of the party immediately on their arrival in the grounds, and the visitors were shown all the various departments at work, including the sawmill, the iron foundry, the brickyard, the chemical laboratory, the girl's industrial classes, and the kindergarten class. This last feature proved one of the most interesting sights of the day. Lunch was served by the students on tables spread in the grove, after which the entire student body assembled in the chapel and heard speeches from the visitors. The speeches were interspersed with songs by the students, who sang "Old Kentucky Home," "Dixie," and other Southern songs as only the Negro can handle such melodies.

Col. Thompson spoke to the students after an address of welcome by the prin-

cipal. Washington referred to the graduates of the school as successful men and women, and made the observation that not one of his students had ever broken into jail or Congress. Mr. Littlefield, Mr. Arney, Mr. Smith, Judge Fuller, and Mr. Brown made short talks to the students and gave them advice.

Those who feared that Col. Thompson would show his guests but one side of Negro life have thus had their illusions dispelled, and it will be found that the trip has not been without its benefits to all concerned.

## ADMIRAL EVAN'S STORY.

The Great Sea-Fighter Tells of the Famous Meeting Between Prince Henry and Washington.

An article that is being read with the closest attention by the students of current events is Admiral Robley D. Evans' contribution to the May number of McClure's Magazine on Prince Henry's impressions during his recent visit to America. The Admiral was the official representative of our Government and had the best opportunity of any one to know the inner feelings of the royal guest and to learn his candid opinion of persons and things. Here is Admiral Evans' account of the meeting between the Prince and Booker T. Washington:

PRINCE HENRY AND WASHINGTON.

The first request made by Prince Henry after being received in New York was that I should arrange to give him some of the old Southern melodies, if possible, sung by the Negroes; that he was passionately fond of them, and had been all his life—not the rag-time songs, but the old Negro melodies. Several times during his trip I endeavored to carry out his wishes, with more or less success; but, finally, at the Waldorf-Astoria, the Hampton singers presented themselves in one of the reception-rooms and gave him a recital of Indian and Negro melodies. He was charmed.

And while I was talking to him just after a Sioux Indian had sung a lullaby, he suddenly turned and said, "Isn't that Booker T. Washington over there?" I recognized Washington and replied that it was, and he said: "Evans, would you mind presenting him to me? I know how some of your people feel about Washington, but I have always had great sympathy with the African race, and I want to meet the man I regard as the leader of that race." So I went at once to Washington and told him that the Prince wished him to be presented, took him myself and presented him to the Prince. Booker Washington sat down and talked with him for fully ten minutes, and it was a most interesting conversation—one of the most interesting I ever heard in my life. The ease with which Washington conducted himself was very striking, and I only accounted for it afterward when I remembered that he had dined with the Queen of England two or three times, so that this was not a new thing for him. Indeed, Booker Washington's manner was easier than that of almost any other man I saw meet the Prince in this country. The Prince afterward referred to President Roosevelt's action in regard to Booker Washington, and applauded it very highly.

## Great New York News.

Mr John D. Rockefeller has notified Mt. Olivet Baptist church that he will give them \$1,000 if they raise \$1,000. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Walker, feels sure the amount will soon be raised.

Rev. Charles B. Morris, former missionary in Africa, is temporarily serving as pastor of the Abyssinian church.

Rev. T. W. Henderson, formerly pastor of Mother Bethel, Philadelphia, has been transferred to the New York Conference. Rev. W. H. Thomas from Charles Street church, Boston, succeeds Dr. Henderson at Philadelphia.

## Death of Captain Hankins.

Mr. C. L. Marshall has returned from Richmond, Va., where he attended the funeral of his brother-in-

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law, Captain Hankins, who died very suddenly Monday morning the 12th in that city. Captain Hankins was appointed to an important position by President McKinley, and served in the 49th Regiment during the war between Spain and America in the Philippine Islands, where he made a brilliant record for the race and the country. Mr. Marshall and the family have our sympathy in their bereavement. The demise of Capt. Hawkins is deeply deplored by all the people at Richmond, where he was highly esteemed.

Mrs. J. Edgar Emith is visiting old friends at her home in Charlotte, N. C. She will be gone for about month.

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